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| In re PATENT APPLIC. | ATION of: | | |
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| Seiichiro YAMAMOTO et al. | | Confirmation | on No.: 1577 |
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Sir:

Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The instant Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 10, 2010 and the Advisory Action dated September 23, 2010, the period for response to which extends through October 10, 2010, by the concurrently-filed petition for a two-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment.